## Discussion

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## Targeting CDK4/6 in Her2 Positive Breast Cancer Therapeutic Effect, Markers, and Combination Strategies

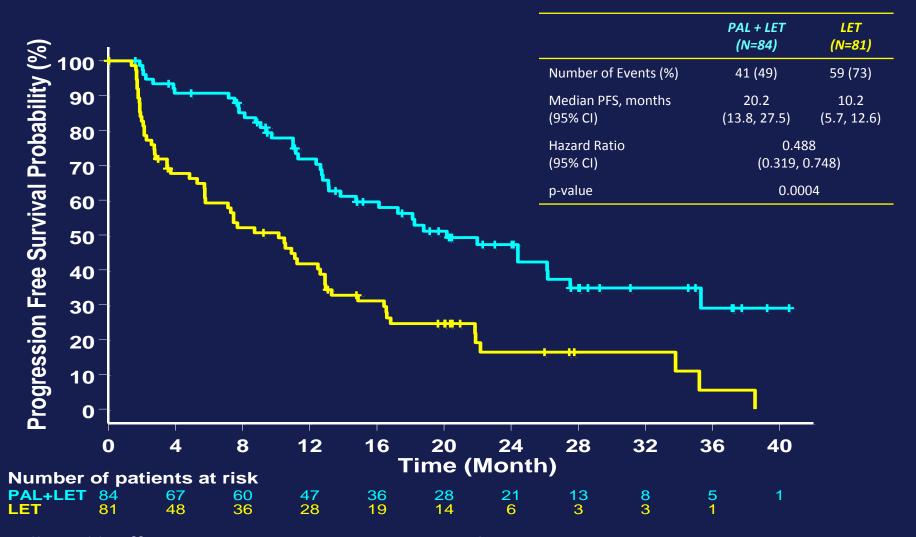


Final Results of a Randomized Phase 2 Study of Palbociclib (PD 0332991) a Cyclin-Dependent Kinase (CDK) 4/6 Inhibitor, in Combination with Letrozole vs Letrozole Alone for First-Line Treatment of ER+, HER2– Advanced Breast Cancer (PALOMA-1/TRIO-18)

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# Progression-Free Survival (ITT)



Palbociclib efficacy in ER positive HER2 negative breast cancer

Finn *et al* AACR 2014

articles

# **Specific protection against breast cancers by cyclin D1 ablation**

#### Qunyan Yu, Yan Geng & Piotr Sicinski

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Loss of cyclin D1 protects against MMTV -HER2 driven oncogenesis DOI: 10.1093/jnci/djs002 Advance Access publication on February 1, 2012. © The Author 2012. Published by Oxford University Press. All rights reserved. For Permissions, please e-mail: journals.permissions@oup.com.

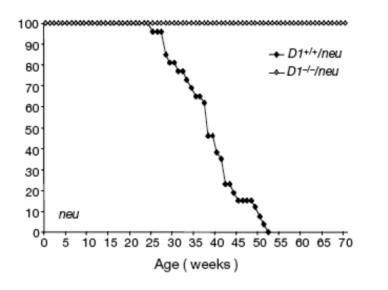
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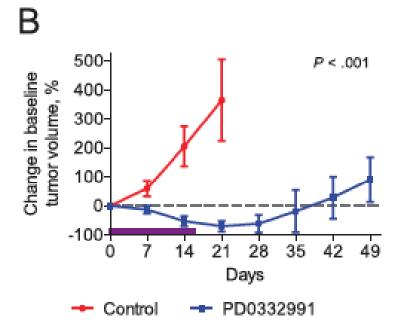
#### Multiple Roles of Cyclin-Dependent Kinase 4/6 Inhibitors in Cancer Therapy

Patrick J. Roberts, John E. Bisi, Jay C. Strum, Austin J. Combest, David B. Darr, Jerry E. Usary, William C. Zamboni, Kwok-Kin Wong, Charles M. Perou, Norman E. Sharpless

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# Similar model is highly sensitive to palbociclib

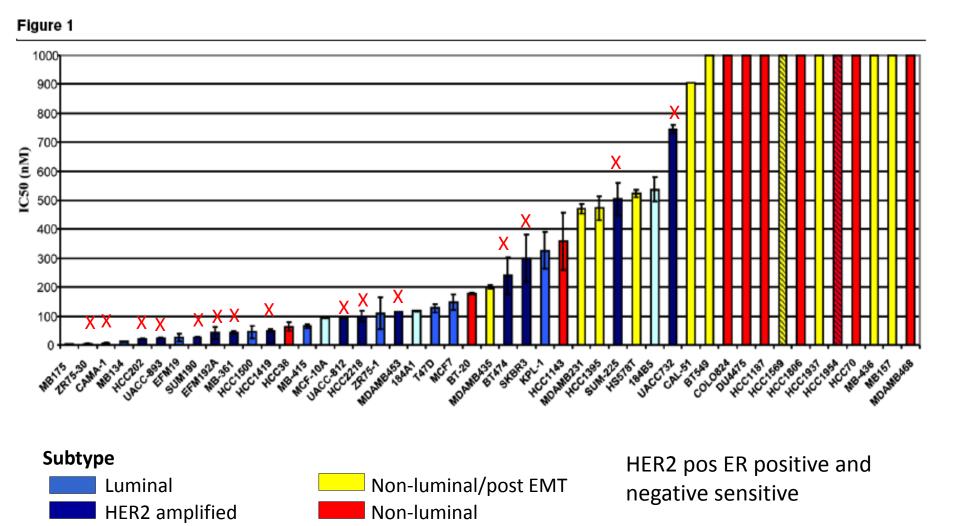




Yu et al Nature 2001

Roberts et al JNCI 2012

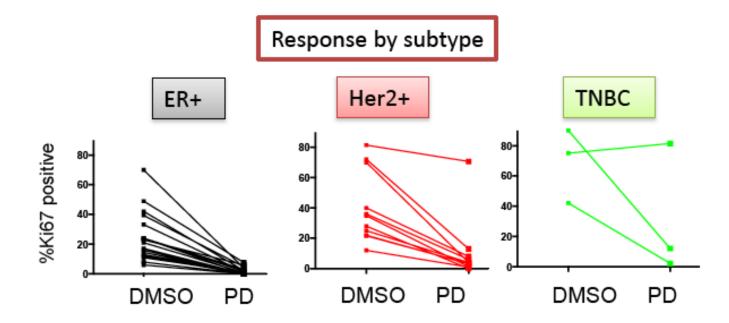
#### Sensitivity to CDK4/6 inhibition Luminal vs non-luminal



Immortalized

Finn RS, et al. Breast Cancer Res 2009.

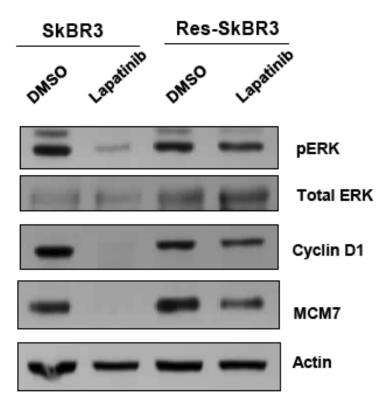
#### **Explants to study the effects of Palbociclib**

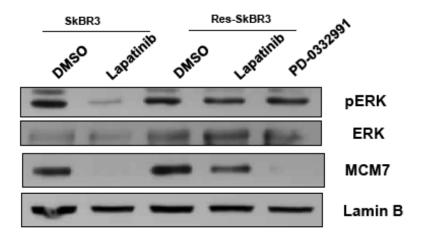


HER2 positive explants are sensitive to CDK4/6 inhibiton

- TNBC Many TNBC cell lines resistant, an effect of small numbers?
  - Luminal-like TNBC

#### HER2 signalling promotes cell proliferation through D type cyclins





# Questions for CDK4/6 inhibitor development

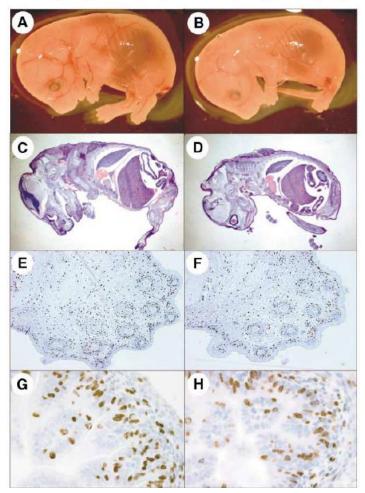
- Therapeutic window for CDK4/6 inhibitors
- Single agent or combinations?
- What are the mechanisms of resistance?

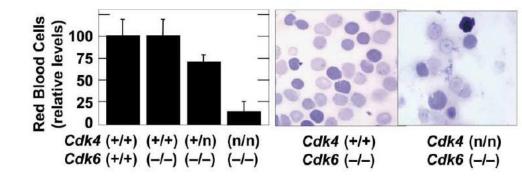
#### Mammalian Cells Cycle without the D-Type Cyclin-Dependent Kinases Cdk4 and Cdk6

Mouse embryos morphologically normal

Embryos die in late gestation of anaemia

Cdk4 (+/+);Cdk6(-/-) Cdk4 (n/n);Cdk6(-/-)





Only specific cell types need CDK4/6 for proliferation

Malumbres et al Cell 2004

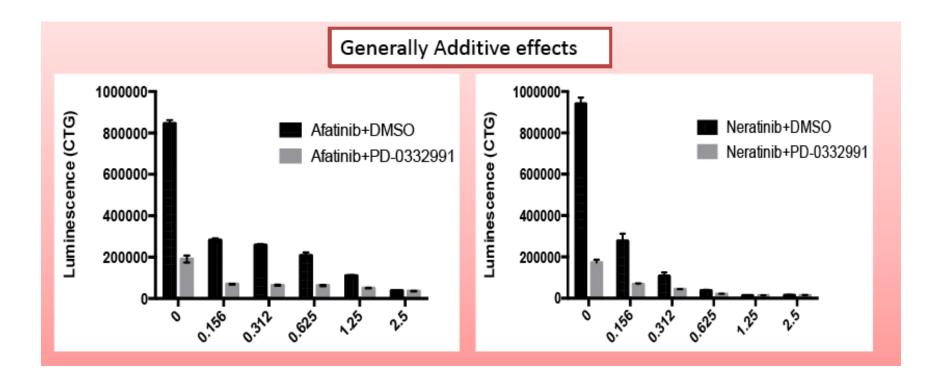
## Most Common All-Causality AEs ≥15% (AT)

	PAL + LET (N=83)			LET (N=77)		
	G1/2 (%)	G3 (%)	G4 (%)	G1/2 (%)	G3 (%)	G4 (%)
Neutropenia	20	48	6	4	1	0
Leukopenia	24	19	0	3	0	0
Fatigue	36	2	2	20	1	0
Anemia	29	5	1	5	1	0
Nausea	23	2	0	12	1	0
Arthralgia	22	1	0	13	3	0
Alopecia	22	0	0	3	0	0
Diarrhea	17	4	0	10	0	0
Hot flush	20	0	0	12	0	0
Thrombocytopenia	14	2	0	1	0	0
Decreased appetite	14	1	0	6	0	0
Dyspnea	13	2	0	6	1	0
Nasopharyngitis	16	0	0	10	0	0
Back pain	13	0	1	14	1	0

**AT=As Treated Population** 

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### **Combination therapy with CDK4/6 inhibitors**

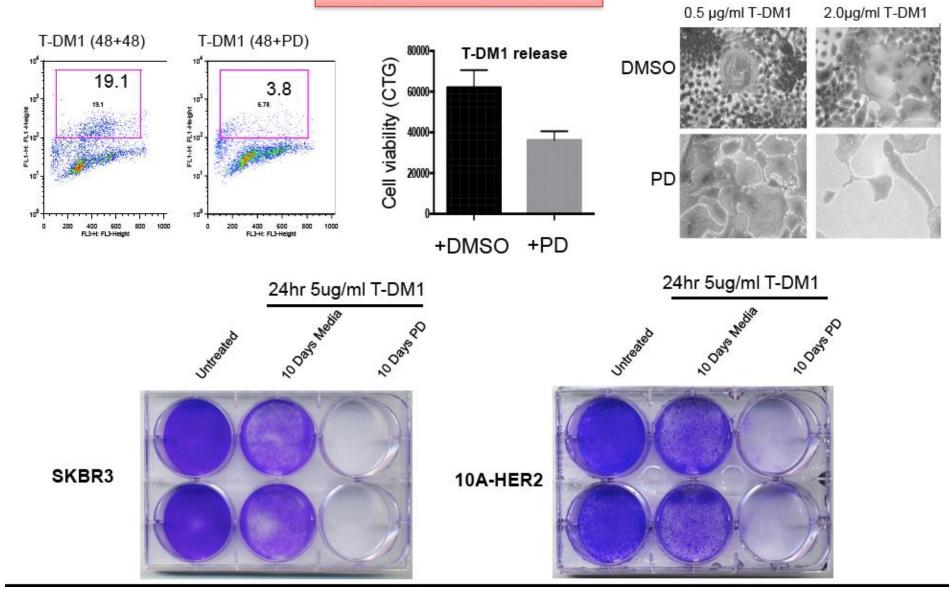


Vertical combination effects

Limited toxicity profile of CDK4/6 inhibitors may make them highly suitable for targeted therapy combinations

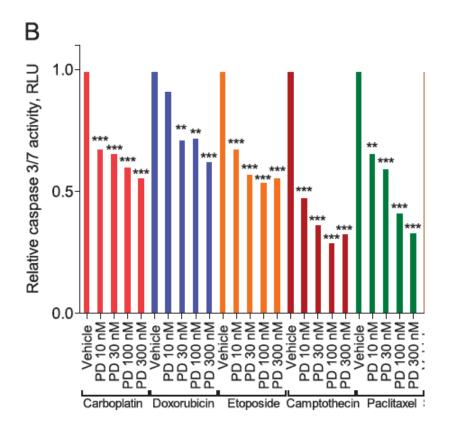
## CDK4/6 inhibition can augment T-DM1 activity

Prevents growth of residual cells



# Palbociclib pretreatment induces resistance to chemotherapy

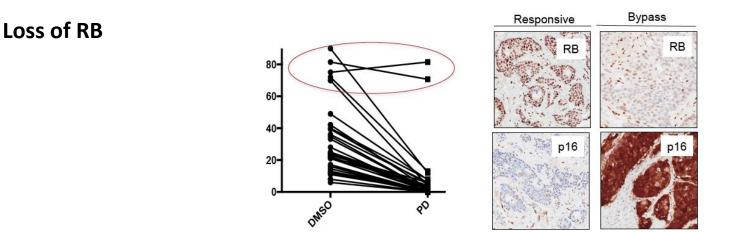
Inhibition of apoptosis in an Rb wildtype cell lines



Very careful scheduling is required for combinations with CDK4/6 inhibition and chemotherapy to prevent antagonism

Roberts et al JNCI 2012

## **Mechanisms of resistance**



#### Lack of dependence CDK4/6?

What determines whether cell types are dependent on CDK4/6?

- many basal-like cancers may not be dependent on CDK4/6

Mechanisms of acquired resistance?

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# Patient derived xenografts

• Drug sensitivity and resistance testing

Combination therapy exploration

– Discussed in great detail today

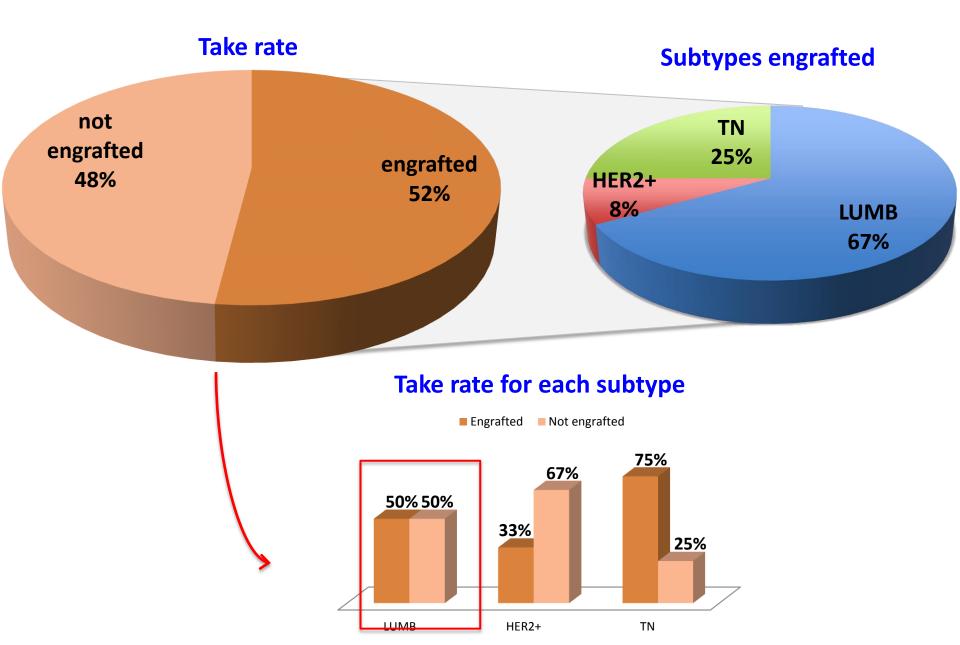
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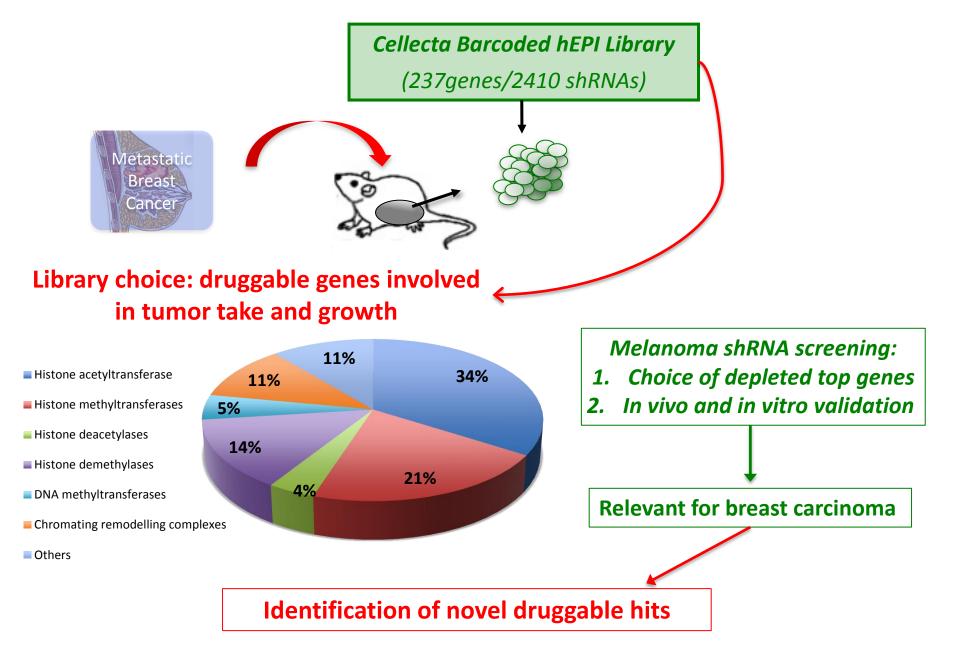
Combination therapy exploration

• *In vivo* target discovery

#### Grafting metasatic samples improves take rate of ER positive samples



#### shRNA screen

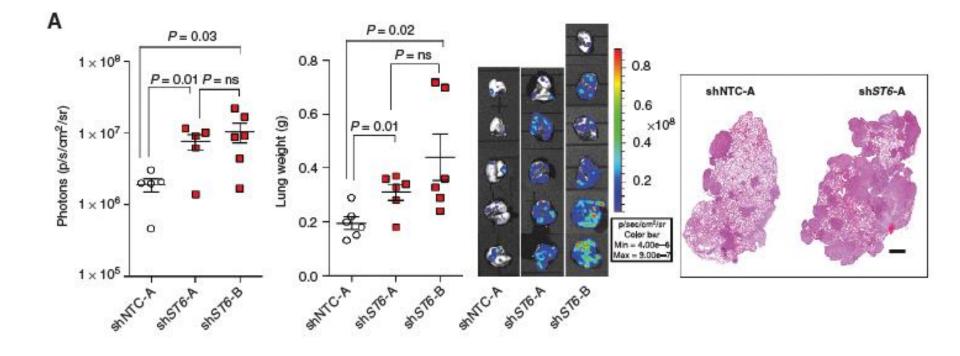


# **CANCER DISCOVERY**

#### An *In Vivo* Functional Screen Identifies ST6GalNAc2 Sialyltransferase as a Breast Cancer Metastasis Suppressor

Nirupa Murugaesu, Marjan Iravani, Antoinette van Weverwijk, et al.

Cancer Discovery 2014;4:304-317. Published OnlineFirst February 11, 2014.



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Murugaesu et al Cancer Discov 2014

#### shRNA screen

